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1. The Somali Youth League is entirely under the leadership of the Darot tribe. Its total membership in Ethiopia and the three Somalilands does not exceed 75,000, of which 10,000 are in Mogadishu. It is reported to have an income of Sh.E.A. 25,000 monthly. The League is as opposed to Ethiopian rule as it is to Italian. Its territorial aspirations include all of the Ogaden and the Danakil plain as far west as the Auash railway station.
2. The Jummiya, or Patriotic Beneficence Union, is confined to Italian Somaliland and the Ogaden. It is a heterogenous society which often attracts disreputable elements. The Jummiya is opposed to the Somali Youth League and to a broad coalition of the Somali tribes, and desires that Italian Somaliland remain an independent country.
3. Jorjal al-Arabia is the Arab Committee of Somalia. It maintains correspondence with the Arab League in Cairo, as well as Arab League representatives in Aden and the Hadramaut. Most of the Arabs who were formerly members of the Jummiya and the Somali Youth League have withdrawn from these organizations, probably at the instigation of the Jerial.
4. The Italians in Somalia have a Communist Club, a Social Democrat Club and an Uomo Qualunque Club.
5. There is reported to be a Communist Party organization in Italian Somaliland, but it is not very active nor well-organized.

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